

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting December 13 2021

Present: Donlin Murray (Don), Chairman
Richard Sheppard (Dick), Clerk
Hannah Miller (Hannah), Member
David Manzello (David) Regional Assessor
Debbie Dreyer (Debbie) Assistant to the Assessor

Meeting Opened at 8:33am

Roll Call- Miller present, Murray present, Richard arriving shortly- along with David & Debbie.

Approval of Agenda - MOTION: Hannah made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Don, all in favor, aye.

Dick arrived at 8:36am

Payroll, Payables, any abatements, warrants signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review & approve previous meeting minutes: The minutes for 8/8/2021 **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by all in favor aye.

Review Statutory Exemption list: Returning applicants & some new ones. **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to approve the four new applicants, 2nd by Hannah, all in favor aye.

Review Chapter Land: There are a few Chapter land accounts that seem to have partially changed use over time. The Board should review them & have a meeting with the owners to discuss any adjustments that might need to be made to these accounts.

RRG Update:

Review final numbers: The Levy – David said they did a good job keeping that pretty flat, only went up a half percent – the biggest piece in dropping the tax rate. New Growth, not what it's been. Tax rate went down from last year's \$16.52 to this year's rate of \$15.25. The average bill increase was \$18.00, values went up 10%.

David starting to PDF the property cards & putting together the assessment brochure. Everything went smoothly with the billing file upload & the bills will probably going out next week.

Future agenda items: R.E. & P.P. abatement applications, budget, Chapter questions

Next mtg: TBD. Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting @9:17am, 2nd by Hannah, all in favor aye.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Dreyer, Assistant to the Assessor